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Although, of course, it is possible to secure an appropriation for a project in the face of an unfavorable report, it is an extremely difficult thing to accomplish and the instances when this has been done are extremely rare. It may be possible, however, to have a resurvey made of both the Merrimack and Essex river projects, and Mr. Gardner may possibly work along this line.

Congressman Greene of Fall River tells me that the dog-fish bill introduced by Congressman Tirrell of Massachusetts, and referred to the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, of which Mr. Greene is a member, has no chance of passage whatever at this session of Congress. The worst blow this bill has to encounter is the fish commission, whose word is law on a bill of this kind. The commission last year served notice that if the bill was referred to them for a report, it would be an unfavorable one, and therefore those behind the bill preferred to have it remain in the dark recesses of the committee room, where this year's bill is also destined to remain. The bill is on the same lines as the one last year, and provides that agents of the fish commission shall pay the fishermen a bounty of two cents on every tail of a dog-fish produced.

The fish commission do not deny the argument that the dog fish are a detriment to the Atlantic fishermen, but do not approve of the system of destroying them by paying a bounty. The commission contend that the fish are really good eating, and say that the proper way to reduce the number of fish in the sea is to put them on the market, and make it an object to catch them for food. Congressman Tirrell is interested in the bill at the request of a Waltham constituent, and E. C. McIntire, ex-representative from Gloucester, has also given the matter much study, and was successful in securing the passage of a resolution through the legislature in Massachusetts last winter asking Congress to take some action in the matter.

W. W. LUFKIN.

**Halibut Sale.**

The fare of sch. Corona sold to the New England Fish Co. at 12 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

**GREAT RUN OF CODFISH.**

**School of Millions Struck In at Easthampton, L. I.**

The greatest run of codfish ever known on this coast struck the Easthampton, L. I. shore Thursday night, and for three miles along the shore the surf swarmed with them. One fisherman with a seine made a haul of six tons. A pair of horses were required to draw it up out of the surf.

The shore was crowded with villagers, who utilized every sort of fishing seine available. The oldest fishermen say they never saw or heard of anything like the night's run of fish.

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**Herring Notes.**

The British sch. Eva June arrived at Boston from Bay of Islands yesterday with 1500 barrels salt herring.

It is reported that another vessel is coming here from Green Bay with a cargo of salt herring.

The Br. sch. St. Helena, Capt. John Pyke, from Bay of Islands, for this port, with a cargo of herring, was struck by squall at Flint Island Thursday afternoon and had her main boom broken. She put in at North Sydney in order to have it replaced by a new one before proceeding on her voyage. The cargo is consigned to Fred Bradley.

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**SCH. TATTLER RELEASED.**

**Commendable Celerity by Canadian Authorities.**

**LICENSE NOW ISSUED TO CRAFT.**

**Craft Will Proceed to Bay of Islands for Herring.**

Sch. Tattler of this port, the largest fishing vessel at this port, owned by D. B. Smith & Co., which was seized at North Sydney, C. B., last Friday afternoon, as previously reported in the TIMES, was released yesterday afternoon.

As before stated in the TIMES, the seizure of the craft was a mistake on the part of some official at North Sydney, and was made while the owners of the vessel were in possession of a letter that if the license money was forwarded the case against the craft, which happened early last fall, would be considered closed. The money was actually on the way when the vessel, driven into North Sydney by a heavy

storm, was seized. The entire details of the case were correctly stated in the TIMES of Saturday.

Knowing the security of their position, because of letters and papers in their possession regarding the case, the owners immediately set to work to secure the release of the vessel, and considering that the craft was cleared yesterday afternoon and that a Sunday intervened, it can be seen that the action of the Canadian authorities at Ottawa was most commendably prompt indeed.

Yesterday the firm were in telegraphic communication with the American Consul General at Ottawa, the Canadian premier at the same place, Collector McPherson at Sydney, and American Consul West at that place and very rapid progress was made toward the straightening out of the matter.

So, yesterday afternoon, while some Boston papers were publishing lengthy articles to the effect that the seizure was significant and that it might be designed as an entering wedge and an object lesson to the Newfoundland people of the benefits of unity of action, the owners of the craft were in receipt of a telegram stating that the Collector at North Sydney had received orders from Ottawa to issue a license to sch. Tattler and allow her to proceed.

The TIMES of Saturday said that the craft would soon be released and the prompt action of the Canadian government in the case shows that the statement of the TIMES was correct and based on a knowledge of the facts of the case.

**BIG RECORD.**

**Little Sch. Seaconnet Landed Five Trips in Eight Days.**

Between \$8 and \$10 a day is not bad pay for fishing, say the crew of 14 men of the sch. Seaconnet. Capt. Enos Nickerson skipper of the Seaconnet, has made a record of \$68 per man for eight days' fishing, which is without a parallel for shore fishing schooners in Boston. The crew of the Seaconnet have faced many dangers in the past week in the turbulent waters off Boston lightship when other schooners have sought the shelter of harbors.

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The Seaconnet has made five trips in eight days to the middle grounds, which is close by Boston lightship. Five morning the schooner has arrived at T wharf with about 10,000 pounds of haddock, cod and hake, getting out its cargo and leaving the wharf at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the fishing grounds. The fishermen worked their trawls all night, getting back into port the next morning. Yesterday morning the schooner landed 4000 pounds haddock, 200 pounds codfish, 2000 pounds hake. Other schooners have averaged but two or three trips during the past eight days.

**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**

**To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Muriel, via Boston, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Claudia, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Hope, shore.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston.  
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

**Today's Fish Market.**

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Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.  
Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, 4.00 for medium.  
Salt hake, \$1.75.  
Salt haddock, \$1.75.  
Salt cusk, \$2.50.  
Fresh large codfish, \$2.50, medium do., \$1.75.  
Fresh haddock, \$1.20.  
Fresh hake, \$1.10.  
Fresh cusk, \$1.75.  
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$4.00 for medium, \$2.75 for snappers.  
Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.  
Fresh pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.  
Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.  
Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.

**Boston.**

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 3800 haddock, 1300 cod.  
Sch. Flavilla, 4500 haddock, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 6000 haddock, 300 cod, 3500 hake.  
Sch. Tecumseh, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Marion, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Appomattox, 4500 pollock.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2500 pollock.  
Sch. Matchless, 23,000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Illinois, 17,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.  
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 24,000 pollock.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Nokomis, 5500 cod.  
Sch. Walter P. Gonlart, 2000 haddock, 800 cod.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Galatea, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Minerva, 7500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Br. sch. Eva June, 1500 bbls. salt herring.  
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.65; large cod, \$3 to \$4.35; market cod, \$1.60 to \$2.10; hake, \$1 to \$3.50; pollock, \$1.50.



## PENSACOLA FLEET.

### Vessels Bothered from Fishing by Unfavorable Weather.

Our regular Pensacola, Florida, correspondent sends us the following under date of December 15:

Sch. Kwarsin sailed December 4 for Campeache Bank. The next night she encountered a heavy gale from the northward. At 8 o'clock on the morning of the 5th in her mainmast broke off ten feet below the hounds and the foremast head also went by the board. The mainsail was also badly torn. She was worked back under the light under foresail and jumbo and then towed to the dock by the pilot boat Florida. The captain and crew of the disabled craft shifted their ice and stores over into sch. G. L. Daboll and went to sea again December 8.

The arrivals here during the past 10 days were as follows:

Sch. Clara P. Sewall, Capt. Charles Holm, from shore, 2500 fish, \$588.65 stock, \$2960 share.

Sch. Clara R. Grimes, Capt. Tony McGinty, from shore, 2500 fish, \$570.85 stock, \$39.65 share.

Sch. Ariola, Capt. H. W. McIntire, 3000 fish, \$632.15 stock, \$29.90 share.

Sch. Josie Johnson, Capt. George Cooley, 1000 fish, \$230 stock, \$9.75 share.

Sch. Mary L. Harty, Capt. John Holm, from Campeache Bank, 23 days out, had heavy weather all the trip and lost part of her catch on account of her not having ice enough to last coming home. She saved \$472 worth of the catch, the share being \$20.55.

Sch. William H. Warren, Capt. Bernard Chingnonie, from Campeache, 28 days out, came in with her main rigging gone, theadstays carried away and mainsail torn. Her catch was all spoiled.

Sch. Clara R. Harwood, Capt. Andrew Lynch, from shore, 1500 fish, \$385 stock and \$21.80 share.

Sch. Lottie S. Haskins, from shore, Capt. E. O'Shea, 1400 fish, \$369 stock, \$14 share.

Sch. Annie Wixon, Capt. Herman LeRoller, from Campeache, 1500 fish, \$343.85 stock, \$7 share.

Sch. Osceola, Capt. Joseph Carminetti, from Campeache, 2500 fish, \$546.69 stock, \$22 share.

Sch. Caviare, Capt. O. H. Neilson, from shore, with 400 fish, came in with jib and jibstay gone.

There are a good many fish on the shore grounds, but the fleet cannot get the weather to fish. There have been very heavy winds for the past 15 days, the direction being from northeast to northwest.

## Boston.

Sch. Genesta, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000, hake.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 8000 haddock, 400 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Flora B. Nickerson, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Eva Avina, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Acacia, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Mauri F. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Mattakesett, 2500 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Pythian, 2000 haddock.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1500 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Stranger, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Julietta, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Shepherd King, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Benj. W. Latham, 32,000 haddock.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Evangeline, 6000 pollock.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 8000 haddock, 5500 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$1 to \$3; pollock, \$1 to \$1.10; cusk, \$2.50.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Squanto arrived at Canso Saturday.

## WESTERN HALIBUT NOTES.

### Skeena River Firm Will Ship 1,000,000 Pounds Fish to London.

A Skeena River, B. C., firm has secured a contract for large shipments of halibut to England. It is said that the halibut fishing industry of the north is surely going to center in Port Essington within the next year or two, or if not there then at the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Already there are two boats fishing out of Essington—the Claxton, belonging to Wallace Bros., owners of Claxton cannery, and the Cascade, belonging to Capt. Harvey McNabb. The Cascade has been fishing out of Essington for nearly two months. At last reports she had landed 80,000 pounds of halibut at the Claxton cannery, and was outfitting for another trip to the banks, the catch of which is to be brought direct to Vancouver.

At their cannery Wallace Bros. have a freezer in which they can handle no less than 40 tons of fish a day. They have contracts from London, England, for the supply of 1,000,000 pounds of halibut on top of a heavy contract with the New England Fish Company.

Halibut fishermen say that while fish are scarce at the present time there is no cause for alarm as they are always so at this particular season, but that in two or three weeks the halibut from the Pacific will be coming in around Rose spit to the straits, very much as the salmon come in from the ocean every year, and when that time arrives the big catches will commence.

The New England Company's str. Kingfisher returned Monday, December 11, from a 10-days' cruise in northern waters, with 190,000 pounds of halibut, a catch far above the average for this time of year, and only 60,000 below the biggest ever taken by any halibut boat on the Pacific coast. The fish were unusually large. The Kingfisher was only out 10 days, during which time she had favorable weather. The catch was made in Dixon entrance.

The New England Fish Company's steamer New England, Capt. Freeman, has arrived at Victoria after 23 days spent in the northern halibut banks. The New England brought only 40,000 pounds of halibut, a very light catch even for this time of year. Capt. Freeman reports the weather very bad, especially in the early part of the trip, and fish unusually scarce.

Steamer Edith, of the International Fisheries Company, has returned to Tacoma, Wash., after a month's cruise in northern British waters, with a light catch, four carloads of halibut.

There is a prospect for the establishment of an extensive halibut fishing and refrigerating plant in Port Townsend within the immediate future. Theodore Wick, representing unknown interests, begun an investigation looking to the fulfilment of plans incidental to such an enterprise.

## MORE INVESTIGATIONS.

### Regarding the Newfoundland Herring Situation.

#### British Foreign Office and State Dept. Exchange Notes.

A London dispatch of yesterday says:

"The foreign office has instructed the Newfoundland government to make the strictest inquiry into the complaint of the State Department at Washington of the seizure of an American fishing smack at a Newfoundland port a few days ago, and also of the reports that Newfoundland fishermen have been guilty of cutting the nets of American fishermen."

"The British government strongly disapproves of any aggressive action on the part of British subjects pending a settlement of the whole question on which the two governments are now engaged."

"According to the British authorities, the Newfoundlanders have not been the only offenders, it being alleged that American vessels have been guilty of contraventions of the laws prohibiting the engagement of Newfoundland fishermen, who are being engaged at Newfoundland ports and taken outside the three-mile limit, where they board American vessels."

"The British government has communicated through Charge d'Affairs Carter with the State Department at Washington in respect to this feature of the case."

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